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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF US CCMS COORDINATOR

1. PURSUANT TO EARLIER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS, THIS TELEGRAM CONFIRMS DETAILS OF PROPOSED VISITS TO TURKEY AND GREECE BY US NATO/CCMS COORDINATOR WARD. FOLLOWING SEISMOLOGY PILOT STUDY MEETING AND CCMS PILOT STUDIES ENERGY WORKSHOP IN ITALY THE PRECEDING WEEK, WARD WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ATHENS ON JULY 17 AND 18 AND ANKARA ON JULY 20-21. DETAILS OF TRANSIT FROM ATHENS TO ANKARA ON THE 19TH HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE OF EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WHEN THEY ARE SET.

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2. AT BOTH POSTS, WARD WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CCMS OFFICERS AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS WITH CCMS INTERESTS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL ON HOST GOVERNMENT CCMS COORDINATORS: FUNDA TEZAK IN GOT AND NEWLY DESIGNATED PERSON IN GOG.

3. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING ONGOING AND PROPOSED

PILOT STUDIES WITH APPROPRIATE STUDY CONTACTS, A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF WARD'S VISITS WOULD BE TO OBTAIN HOST

GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS ON HOW CCMS WORK PROGRAMS COULD BE MADE MORE RELEVANT TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. SEVERAL BRIEF COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY GOG AND GOT CCMS CONTACTS TO US AND CCMS INTERNATIONAL STAFF ON THEIR DESIRE TO ADAPT CCMS PROJECTS TO PRIORITIES OF LESS INDUSTRIALIZED MEMBERS OF NATO, BUT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE AS TO EXACTLY HOW GREECE AND TURKEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAM SHAPED. SINCE CCMS IS IN THE PROCESS OF TERMINATING SEVERAL PILOT STUDIES THIS YEAR AND DEVELOPING NEW ONES, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO REVIEW THE PAST WORK AND COLLABORATE WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DIRECTIONS.

4. WARD HAS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS WITH POST CCMS OFFICERS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SCHEDULE BEING ARRANGED TO INCLUDE TIME FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION INDICATED PARA 3.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IF PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS AND DATES FOR SUGGESTED VISITS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO POSTS.

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